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Title: BRISTLE ARRANGEMENT FOR BRUSH
SEAL, METHOD AND ASSEMBLY FOR
MAKING SAME, AND METHOD OF
MAKING BRUSH SEAL

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Sir:

AMENDMENT UNDER CFR § 1.111

In response to the Office Action dated January 27, 2004 ("Office Action"), Applicants wish to amend the specification and claims as provided on the following sheets.

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Other Amendments

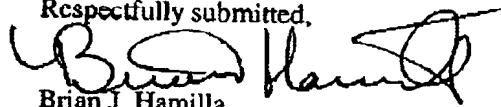
Applicants modified claim 23 so as not to depend from itself. Claim 23 now depends from claim 22.

Conclusion

In light of the foregoing, Applicants submit that the claims are now in condition for allowance. Applicants request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the restriction requirement and rejection. Applicants solicit the allowance of Claims 1-42 at an early date.

Applicants authorize the Commissioner to charge the \$284 fee ($11 \times \$18 = \198 , and $1 \times \$86$) due under 37 CFR 1.16(c) for the presentation of eleven (11) claims in excess of twenty (20) and one (1) independent claim in excess of three (3), and any fee due under 37 CFR 1.16 or 17, or to credit any overpayments, during prosecution of this Application, to Deposit Account Number 21-0279.

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